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A. ARTHUR CARTER, MAN WITH MANY NAMES, BIG PARK PROMOTER AND PARTY TO RECENT MYSTERIOUS SHOOTING, SAWS OUT OF JAIL

TAKES SUDDEN DEPARTURE MONDAY MORNING; CLIMBS DOWN SMALL CORD FROM SECOND STORY; QUIETLY STEALS AWAY IN AUTOMOBILE; PURSUED THROUGH SOUTH CAROLINA; PENNSYLVANIA OFFICERS WAIT TO TAKE HIM INTO CUSTODY; A SHREWD SCHEMER.

A. Arthur Carter, the central figure in the Carter-Mills-Thompson mystery shooting and the Midway park promoter sawed his way out of jail and shook the dust of Hendersonville off his feet Sunday night.

His sudden going was the more interesting by reason of the fact that his troubles here were about over and he didn't take great pride in returning to the scene of former operations in Pennsylvania, where he is wanted for alleged \$20,000 and \$10,000 swindle games in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, respectively.

Carter was placed in jail during the summer at the instigation of Pennsylvania authorities. He remained there apparently most complacently, meanwhile arranging every detail of his retreat to be taken at the opportune moment. He had been provided with a wrench and saw with which to effect an opening, and a small cord to make his descent from the second story of the building.

All Details of Escape Arranged. Frank Israel, convicted of selling liquor, and two Transylvania county boys who were to stand trial on Monday for their life were in the same cell and could have also made their getaway, but they declare that they didn't know anything about Carter's farewell until they rose early in the morning and upon looking for him found a large opening through the iron bars. One of the prisoners said that he had been in the jail for about two weeks and that none of the work toward an exit had been done during his stay there.

Carter had no doubt arranged every detail to perfection. For several days a shirt had been hanging in the window, which was quite noticeable to some since they couldn't account for Carter's wanting to shut out the balmy sunshine during these frosty days. He no doubt had sawed the iron bars several days previous for they had been replaced and glued together with soap crushed into the sawed parts to hold the perpendicular rods in proper place. The shirt, it is thought, was placed over the window so that no one would be able to see the work he had done on the bars without removing the shirt and making a close inspection. He made his descent down a cord that is used in connecting telephones. He left his tools in the jail. It is not known at what hour of the night he left the jail.

A Very Shrewd Man. Carter is believed to be one of the shrewdest men that ever came to Hendersonville. When in jail he told a representative of the Democrat that a supreme court judge of New York state told him that if he would direct his genius in the right direction he would be of great worth to the world. Carter is said to have figured in many criminal records and to have handled lots of money. He had a hand, so he boasted, in the noted Becker-Rosenthal murder case in New York City. He has been chased by detectives in various states and his picture is in the rogues' gallery all over the country. It is believed that his whereabouts will be easy to locate since his record has been given considerable publicity.

Carter, a Great Promoter. Shortly after coming to Hendersonville and taking up residence in the Francis cottage on South Main, Carter was visited by a number of shooting gangsters. About this same time he was involved in a gambling game. He later undertook the promotion of the Midway park. On the second night's operation he was taken into custody by local officers on the strength of papers received from Pennsylvania authorities. Local authorities were determined to hold Carter until the shooting affair had been disposed of. This was done on Friday. He was to be turned over to a Philadelphia officer on Monday and Detective Edward L. Farrell was here to take the prisoner back to Pennsylvania. He knew of Carter's shrewdness and was apprehensive that he would escape at the eleventh hour and he said that he proposed to the sheriff that he remain on duty over night, but the sheriff didn't think it necessary. Solicitor Schenck is understood to have warned the sheriff to take extra precaution. However, Carter silently bade farewell to Hendersonville. Carter left several creditors in Hendersonville. The heaviest sufferer was the Hendersonville Lumber company, who supplied lumber for the park buildings.

A Man of Many Names. In Philadelphia Carter was wanted in connection with a confidence game in which he and others are said to have swindled J. Ellis Hess, a farmer, out of \$10,000. He was known in Philadelphia as Frederick Nelson, alias, Albert Carter, Curly Carter, Robert Haysal and C. A. Stevens. In Pittsburgh he was known as J. A.

Thompson, alias Curly Carter. He was wanted there in connection with a swindling game to the tune of \$20,000, it being alleged by Simeon M. Jones that Carter and others representing themselves to be representatives of an English syndicate dealing in coal lands in West Virginia induced Jones to go from Pittsburgh to New York and give them a \$20,000 check for what they falsely represented to be some fine coal lands. Carter's family was in Hendersonville Monday. They took the north-bound train on Tuesday.

The Sheriff's Version. "It just makes me sick to think about it," said Sheriff Drake to a newspaper man. And the sheriff is not the only one it made sick. Solicitor Schenck said he was "very, very sorry," and the Philadelphia detective with witted spirits recounted to the newspaper man that it was about five hundred long, long miles back home—and he had to return without the bacon.

It was one of those instances that make people think, and think out audibly, too, hence the sheriff's version is herewith given. The sheriff said that he was very apprehensive on Friday and Saturday night, Friday night especially, since the other fellows in the shooting affair had adjusted their troubles. He kept a very close watch on things in and outside the jail both nights and felt that it was needless on Sunday night since it had been understood that Carter was to be delivered on Monday to the detective who came on Friday.

Frank Israel Wise? "How do you account for the tools Carter had?" the sheriff was asked. "Do you think he was helped from the inside or outside?"

"He was helped both ways," replied Sheriff Drake. Those fellows in the jail with Carter knew all about it and they needn't deny a word of it." The sheriff then closed the court room door, stepped on the outside and talked more interestingly. "Why Frank Israel, I know all about it. My wife heard him say, 'I'll get that \$500 from Carter and pay my way off the chain-gang and come back to Hendersonville and do as I damned please.'" The officer was asked if he had any objections to the publication of that statement and he emphatically replied, "No!"

The sheriff said that it would have been impossible for Carter to have unscrewed the taps from his position in the jail. He felt sure all the tools were furnished and most of the work done by outside parties. He said that he had been expecting an attempt at jail delivery and that one or two nights recently he heard noises and got up and looked about the jail. His baby was sick Sunday night and he and Mrs. Drake were up at different time of the night, he said, and that away after midnight he heard a noise and made investigations and found Carter sitting up in bed.

Auto From Asheville Used. When asked if he had any clue as to how Carter made his getaway after effecting his exit, the sheriff said that an automobile left Asheville between 3 and 4 o'clock and that judging from the time he visited the cell and saw Carter that the times that he and Mrs. Drake were up with the sick child, Carter got out between 3 and 5 o'clock in the morning and left in an automobile which contained only one person. He said from the tracks on the coal pile below Carter's window it looked like two or three persons had been walking around in the frosted coal. Sheriff Drake detailed Deputy Allard Case to pursue the trail of Carter's automobile and this he did across South Carolina into Georgia and he was heading toward Augusta.

GASOLINE TOO HIGH.

Local Consumers Feel That They Are Paying Exorbitant Prices for Gas. Local consumers of gasoline are just now wondering why the price has gone so high and yet in Atlanta it is quoted at least three cents less than here while in Chicago the price is less than half what is paid here. The local dealers do not know what the reason is. It is said that large war orders have been offered at 50 cents per gallon. Recent reports from Washington say that an investigation will be made by the Federal Trade Commission into the rates charged throughout southern territory. The result of this will be awaited by many consumers who feel that they are being forced to pay an exorbitant price compared with those in other cities. It was reported in Asheville papers several days ago that in Brevard during the past summer gasoline sold as high as 28 cents per gallon wholesale.

WOODMEN LOG ROLLING ASSN TO MEET AT BLACK MOUNTAIN.

Preparations are being made by the Woodmen of the World of the eleventh semi-annual convention of the Western North Carolina Log Rolling association, which will be held at Black Mountain on October 18 and 19. State Head Adviser V. E. Grant, of Hendersonville, says that the Black Mountain Woodmen are making ample preparations for the entertainment of delegates and that it will be the most successful and biggest event this organization has ever held in Western Carolina. Mr. Grant says 200 delegates are expected to attend the convention and that arrangements have been made for a trip to Mitchell's peak.

Among the prominent Woodmen who have given assurances of their presence are Sovereign Manager E. B. Lewis of Kinston, Judge Grant Mathews, of Tennessee; and State Head Consul George F. Wise. Efforts are being made to make it an inspiring occasion of great value to the cause of the Woodmen.

JURY LIST FOR NOVEMBER TERM OF CIVIL COURT.

The following jury list has been drawn for the term of civil court to convene here on November 15: W. T. Maybin, R. F. Hamilton, V. C. McCreary, Eli Souther, W. M. Nix, A. C. McKinna, W. P. Bryson, D. J. Slatery, Will Henderson, A. M. Blackwell, W. M. Hyder, F. C. Justice, T. M. Stewart, N. M. Hollingsworth, Thomas Shepherd, R. B. Allison, R. S. Steadman, H. F. Cantrell, J. W. Lee, M. A. Barnwell, A. J. Carland, D. S. R. Willis, F. G. Blackwell, T. J. Blackwell.

THE GRAND JURYS REPORT.

The Grand Jury Visits County's Institutions and Reports Satisfaction. The grand jury at the close of its court business this week visited the various institutions of the county and reported conditions very favorable. With regard to guardianships the report says that the grand jury found the records of Judge C. M. Pace very satisfactory and that during his 47 years of service no minor so far as the committee could ascertain had lost anything. "We think this very commendable to the clerk," concludes the report.

Nine inmates, three colored, were found well cared for at the County Home.

The closets in the basement of the court house were found in a bad condition at the opening of court and the report recommends that the county commissioners pay direct to an able bodied janitor a price sufficient to get satisfactory service.

On the chain gang there were 25 colored people and nine white, all well cared for and well fed, but the report recommended better medical attention.

The jail contained twenty three white prisoners and ten colored. The report recommended that the furnace be given attention. H. D. Lance was foreman of the grand jury.

TEUTONS STRIKE FROM SOUTH, BULGARS FROM THE EAST.

Premier Announces That She Will Continue in Armed Neutrality. London, Oct. 12.—Serbia is being attacked from the north and the east. The Austro-Germans, after capturing Belgrade and Semendria, are advancing southward, while the Bulgarians are trying to interrupt communications north and south of Nish. Serbia's war-time capital, and to attack the Servians on the flank if they are driven back by the German Field Marshal von Mackensen.

The situation is admitted to be serious, not only for Serbia but for the whole allied cause. It is asserted that the Servians are inflicting heavy losses both on the Austro-Germans and Bulgarians, but with their army of about 250,000 men they are believed to have little chance of making any prolonged resistance against 300,000 or 400,000 Austro-Germans, and probably 200,000 Bulgarians. They are arranging for the transfer of the capital to Monastir in the extreme southwest corner of the kingdom.

ROUMANIA TO ENTER.

Paris, Oct. 12.—Premier Briand of Roumania has given the Italian government his own view of the situation. He is understood to understand that Roumanian cooperation on the side of the entente may be considered certain, says a special dispatch from Rome. The Roumanian government, however, will choose its own time for taking the field against the Austro-Germans.

SHOOTERS IN MYSTERY CASE PLEAD GUILTY

DEFENDANTS FINED \$1,050 AND BANISHED FROM STATE; PRINCIPAL STATE WITNESSES FAIL TO APPEAR; SCHOOL FUND IS SWELLED.

The motive for the Carter-Mills-Thompson shooting one night last summer was not made known to the public but the affair is out of court and the school fund of Henderson county has \$1,000 to its credit as a result of the submissions of the five defendants.

The witnesses for the prosecution failed at a time of need. When court convened they were not to be found hereabouts.

As a result of the pleas of guilty entered by the five defendants fines aggregating \$1,050 were imposed and road sentences were pronounced that mean the banishment of some of the defendants from this part of the country.

Ed P. Mills, upon whom dependence had been placed by the prosecution since he was the one fired on by Thompson when the latter and his gang called at A. Arthur Carter's residence about 9 o'clock at night, had given Solicitor Schenck assurance that he would return, but he finally pleaded feeble health down in Atlanta.

"Ambrose," Carter's chauffeur, who witnessed the shooting and who remained in Hendersonville until just recently, was conspicuously absent when time came for trial. These absences crippled the prosecution and the defence was very anxious to get the cases out of court so pleas of guilty to carrying concealed weapons and assaults were entered and fines imposed.

The Fines Imposed. Albert Thompson of Spartanburg was fined \$750 and taxed with the costs in the case of carrying a concealed weapon and in that of an assault he was given a term of ninety days on the roads, capias to issue after twenty days, meaning that he was given that length of time to make his departure and in case he returns to any county in North Carolina the capias may be served and the road sentence enforced.

S. G. Leonard, who remained with Thompson after the shooting, both seeking shelter at the home of Chas. Sunofsky because of Thompson's wound, was fined \$250 and taxed with the costs for carrying a gun and in the assault case was given ninety days on the roads, capias to issue in twenty days and the same to be enforced provided he ever returns to either Haywood, Buncombe or Henderson county.

Criss Woodfin and Aiken Mitchell, charged with an assault, were each fined \$25 and taxed with the costs. They made their getaway after the shooting and were arrested during the night in Asheville.

Carter, who fired on Thompson from his window, was charged with an assault but he was depended upon as one of the main witnesses for the prosecution and his case was not pressed.

The defendants knew that the chances were against them provided the State could hold its witnesses, Mills being bound to court on his recognizance, but influences were brought to bear that resulted in their absence and Solicitor Schenck felt that he would not be able to get them and decided it would be well to accept the pleas and swell the county school fund considerably and have all costs paid. He could not have successfully prosecuted the cases with the main witnesses absent and the public is inclined to take the view that banishment from the country of such outlaws and the fines and costs constitute a good turn for the prosecution.

The parties to the mysterious shooting were out of town people. No cause or motive for the affair has been given, but it is generally believed that it was the result of previous gambling troubles, with some notorious women and liquor on the side.

J. A. HARTNESS SEEKS OFFICE.

J. A. Hartness, clerk of the court of Iredell county, was in Hendersonville Wednesday talking politics. He is in the race for the office of Secretary of State to succeed J. Bryan Grimes. He is moving around among the democrats of the State and shaping things up to his tastes fairly well. Mr. Hartness says conditions are shaping up nicely.

MRS. LAMB'S BIG BEET.

Mrs. C. T. Lamb of the Edneyville section, near Lamb mountain, has exhibited at the Democrat office a real ordinary species of table beet that weighs nine and one quarter pounds. Mrs. Lamb grows a great many vegetables for market but the beet was the largest she ever saw or heard of for an ordinary table beet.

CHAPMAN-ALEXANDER MEETING PLANNED FOR HENDERSONVILLE

REV. MR. EVARTS, MEMBER OF CHAPMAN-ALEXANDER PARTY, INVITED TO CONDUCT REVIVAL IN HENDERSONVILLE DURING BIG MEETING IN ASHEVILLE.

Plans are being perfected by which Hendersonville will have an opportunity to hear Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman, one of the most widely known evangelists in the world. The Chapman-Alexander party will be in Asheville October 17 until November 22. A tabernacle is being constructed especially for the meetings. Arrangements have practically been made through Rev. C. A. Everts, one of Dr. Chapman's leaders, with representatives of the churches of Hendersonville for a series of meetings to be held here for seventeen days, beginning, Sunday, October 24.

Rev. C. A. Everts has been in Asheville for the past few weeks doing preliminary work for the great revival which is to begin there. He has assisted the churches and Sunday schools of that city in preparing the way for the Chapman-Alexander meetings. Last Monday he came to Hendersonville and was in conference with a number of church members relatives to holding extension meetings in this city. It is understood Rev. Mr. Chapman and Rev. Mr. Alexander will come to some of the meetings.

Rev. Mr. Everts also stated that he thought that arrangements could be made by which the entire party of singers could come from Asheville during the meetings. A complete program will be published at a later date. Hendersonville will be fortunate in securing Dr. Chapman and his leaders as it is understood that his services are being urged in many of the leading cities of this country.

While passing through Charlotte last Sunday en route to Davidson college and Asheville, Dr. Chapman gave the following interview in part to the Charlotte Observer:

"Our present plans are for a five weeks' meeting in Asheville from October 17 to November 22. A good tabernacle has been built, and it bids fair to be an excellent work. After the Asheville meeting we will have a tabernacle in Battleboro, Vermont. We have a conference in New York about the Christmas season, and then we go to Washington, Pa., a college town, for a meeting and to Springfield, Ill. And then to London."

"The Asheville meeting begins on Sunday next. The preparation has been as good as any I have seen. We have a good tabernacle which the Baptists will use for their conference in the Spring. There is a great and increasing interest in evangelism in the United States. We never have had so many invitations as this year. We have had an unusual number of invitations from the South. Many of them came at a time when we could not consider them however, and our plans for meetings in the North after the Asheville meeting, although we would have preferred to stay South. At one time we had under consideration a meeting in Wilmington after the Asheville meeting but it seemed to be wise to go to Vermont. Another year we will go to Wilmington."

TRUE BILL AGAINST CARL MAXWELL, CHARGING RAPE.

Has Fled Country and Solicitor Schenck Will Ask That He be Declared Outlaw; Three Witnesses.

The grand jury last week returned a true bill charging Carl Maxwell with rape. The assault upon a young girl is alleged to have occurred on August 15. Three witnesses were examined by the grand jury.

Feeling was so high in Hendersonville shortly after the alleged assault, which is said to have been of a most aggravated nature, that private subscriptions offering a reward for his capture, were made by Hendersonville people. It is understood that the county commissioners will be asked to offer a reward for his capture.

Solicitor Michael Schenck has announced his intention of asking Judge Harding to declare Maxwell an outlaw in order that arrest may be made anywhere in North Carolina.

HONOR ROLL OF FLAT ROCK GRADED SCHOOL.

First grade—James Drake, Mitchell Andrews, Horace Jones, Robert Bell, Mabel Edney, Juanita Williams.

Second grade—Ruth Andrews, Edith Jones, Geraldine Edney, Luther Bane, John Perry, Jr., Norman Reed, Brownlow McCall.

Third grade—Naomi Reed, Owen Reed, Maud Kilpatrick, Kathleen Underwood, Edwin Drake, Martin Garren, Viola Hollingsworth.

Fourth and fifth grades—Arnold Edney, Louise Perry, Alice Andrews, Homer Edney, Lewis Reed, Helen Kuykendall, Jesse Bane, Carl Drake, Trenholm Bell, James Andrews.

Sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth grades—Lula Pace, Nellie Thomas, Dollie Brookshire, Nellie Peace, Henry Peace, Henry Brookshire, Norman Jones, Edie McCall, Homer Markham.

WHAT THE COURT IS DOING.

List of the Cases Disposed of Since That Published Last Week.

Something out of the ordinary for Clerk C. M. Pace, and when court matters open his eyes the lawyers usually open theirs, happened in the case against W. L. Wall, charging gambling. Through a little technicality of the law or some wrinkle with which people are not familiar, his attorney entered a plea of guilty and informed the court that judgment couldn't be pronounced since the defendant in the magistrate's trial was put on the witness stand involuntarily. A motion to this effect was allowed by the court and the defendant discharged—and it was then that the lawyers and court attendance and Judge Pace all opened their eyes and the guilty man went free. David Gilliland pleaded guilty and was fined \$150 for gambling. It seems that he had no technicality leverage.

Tom Rector, larceny, guilty; fined \$25 and costs.

J. B. Boyd, larceny, guilty in one case and sentenced to roads for eight months. Not guilty in two other cases.

David Caunth, larceny, \$25 and costs.

David Gilliland, gambling, pleads guilty; fined \$150.

J. A. Garren, forcible trespass, not guilty.

Wallace Williams, carrying concealed weapon, pleads guilty; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Wallace Williams, removing and concealing liquor, pleads guilty, sentenced to roads for four months.

D. A. Hughes, removing liquor, pleads guilty; sentenced to roads for four months.

D. A. Hughes, carrying concealed weapon, pleads guilty; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Clarence Bryson, retailing, pleads guilty in two cases and given a sentence of six months on the roads.

Frank Britton, retailing, guilty; sentenced to roads for four months.

Horace Buckner, assault, enters plea of nolo contendere, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Horace Buckner, carrying concealed weapon, pleads guilty; fined \$25 and costs.

Bennie Gansel, retailing, not pros with leave.

Will Barton, drunk and disorderly, pleads guilty. He had voluntarily worked on the roads since July 14 and therefore was given only seven more days of work.

Theodore King, retailing, in three cases; pleads guilty in two and enter plea of nolo contendere in other and given aggregate sentence of twelve months.

Quick Skinner, carrying concealed weapon, guilty, sentenced to roads for four months.

Julie Bryson, assault, thirty days on roads.

Julie Bryson, carrying concealed weapon, three months.

Tom Rector, larceny, mistrial.

Tatum Wiseman, Robert Alexander, Clarence Hill, Joe Summey, gambling, not guilty.

David Wilson, false pretense, jury was unable to arrive at a verdict and Wilson will stand trial again.

Clarence Hill, carrying concealed weapon, fined \$25 and costs.

Will Pitts, assault, guilty, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Richard Pitts, not guilty.

Wallace Anders, forgery, pleads guilty; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Clarence Simms, retailing, not guilty.

Gertie Eaton, inmate of disorderly house; enters plea of nolo contendere; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Annie Staton, keeping disorderly house, nolo contendere, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Caleb Lowman, retailing, given four months on the roads.

Wave Allison and Villa Parker are being tried for murder in the second degree for the killing of a man by the name of Clayton about a year ago in Transylvania county. This case was in the courts twice in Transylvania but resulted in a mistrial both times.

Williams Hix Allison, Jr., accepted the oath as attorney from Judge W. F. Harding and was admitted to the bar of North Carolina.

Frank Israel Guilty. Frank Israel put up a stubborn fight in the trial charging him with dealing illegally with liquor. The jury found him guilty in one case and he was given a sentence of four months, from which he appealed to the Supreme court. He entered pleas of guilty in two other cases and in one judgment was suspended and in the other he was given a sentence of eight months. It is probable that he will not appeal from the sentence of eight months since he pleaded guilty to the charge. Israel has been classed among the "big game" in liquor transactions.